

AHA Annual Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2012
Meeting Called to Order 9:05am
By Mark Stanley-President of AHA!

Introduction of Residents in Attendance.

- Jackie Wehr, Mary & Larry Linville, George Osborn, Alex Baird, Marge Ryder, Myles & Cheryl Pintar, Verla Blowe, Mark & Robin Stanley, Jim & Kim McCarthy Russell Anders, Matthew & Jennifer Atton, Ernie & Marcella Woods, Cal Abel, Mac Heller, Chuck McLean, Tom Piatanesi, Ian Stevenson, Paula & Gary Tillotson, Jim & Judy Wells.
- Board in attendance: Mark Stanley, President; Kim McCarthy, Vice President; Larry Linville, Director

Treasury Report

We currently have \$10,0476.86 in our account, with \$2113.68 of that amount from this year's dues. Money is being saved for dozer work, signs, and gates for the fire exit back on Waxwing; as well as repainting the entrance sign.

Questions-Mac Heller and Cal Abel wanted to know why the map showed an exit at the end of Kingfisher, when there isn't one. Kim stated that the only map handed out to residents has been the new map showing the Waxwing exit only. She also stated that the only one on Kingfisher was dated from 1972, but that hasn't been handed out for years. They said they had a map given out at the AHCS D meeting showing one at the end of Kingfisher, Kim said she didn't know what he had, but they didn't hand out a map with that. She also said this was an AHA! meeting not AHCS D and this was not the meeting to discuss this, it was an AHCS D matter.

Mr. Heller stated that he and Mr. Abel were working at making a private driveway at the end of Kingfisher and they wanted AHCS D and AHA! to have nothing to do with it.

Mrs. Stanley reiterated that this was not the proper time to bring this up, because this meeting is not for AHCS D, but for AHA. That perhaps they could bring it up at the next AHCS D meeting, not here.

Mark Stanley explained that this wasn't the meeting for this, because it was an AHCS D issue, and they would need to bring it up at those meetings. Then he quickly explained the difference between the two groups.

AHCS D vs. AHA!

Often there's confusion on what the two groups do. AHA!-Audubon Hills Association, this meeting, is a group of residents that are committed to neighborhood beautification, street signs, communication, neighborhood watch, and community activism.

AHCS D is a volunteer group of elected board members that maintain all road easements within Audubon Hills. If you need to talk about using the roads, they are the group to talk to.

AHCS D Update-from Jim McCarthy; President AHCS D

- Blackbird has been marked and flagged for where the improvements are going to get made.
- The order of paving is assigned by the number of occupied parcels that utilize the street. After Blackbird; Mockingbird, Tanager, Kingbird, etc. will be the next roads to be paved. This list and the paving guidelines are on our website www.ahcsd.org.
- The bigger roads take two years of savings to pave, the smaller streets will be able to be done with

the one years worth of collections.

- When side streets are paved, they will be widened to 16', with 2' of gravel on either side, for a total of 20'. Additionally, 50' Cul-de-sacs will be put in at the end of each road. This is done so traffic can turn around and for fire truck staging, in the event of a fire.
- Also, we'd like to thank everyone that has obeyed signs of no parking on Audubon Hills roads. This helps the Sandman clear roads of snow, without having to plow around cars obstructing the road, further creating a traffic hazard.
- You've probably noticed the road side clearing started this week, which will clear down those weeds growing along the road. For those of you that want to take care of your own gardening, and don't want your area sprayed, just call Jim, and he'll let the crew know.

Questions-Mr. Heller spoke up asking how exactly the parking ordinance was passed, when only three of the five board members voted yes, one board member abstained, and the other wasn't there to vote. He feels this policy was pushed through in two months, without telling residents about it, and it wasn't in any of the minutes.

- Jim stated that this policy had been talked about, and researched, for over a year. That it is included in the minutes, as well as a letter drafted and sent out to all residents related to the ordinance.
- Jim stated that the ordinance was drafted in response to complaints from the residents. Previously the CSD didn't have the authority to remove a vehicle in the road, and neither the sheriff nor the highway patrol would respond to request because these are private roads.
- Jim also stated that the paving costs are shared by the community, and that residents don't shoulder the cost of personal parking on a road they paid for everybody to drive on. These roads are not being widened to 60', to allow two way traffic and parking on both sides. They are being widened to accommodate two way traffic only.
- Again, Kim said this wasn't the forum for this discussion, and that they needed to go to the AHCSO meetings to discuss these issues. Mrs. Stanley stated that they didn't have anything to do with the purpose of the meeting today, and she asked when the next meeting was.
- Paula Tillotson said the next AHCSO meeting would be on June 28th at 7:00 at Bob Verzello's house, on Kittiwake.

Signs, Archiving, Benches, and Fire exits-Kim McCarthy

- Signs-Many of you have seen that the entrance signs are being repainted. The little one is done, but we need to take down the larger one because it has some termite issues that will be easier to take care of at home. Trying to sand, fill, and paint with my hands over my head is exhausting. As a note, the Wells use to own a 31 Flavors, and that sign says 31 flavors on the back. Don't be concerned if the sign is missing, it will be replaced once it's done.
- Archiving-Just as a note, I've been contacting long term residents to collect all paperwork they have in regards to Audubon Hills. We have a fair amount of minutes, and I'll be putting them all into digital format, and have them available online. It's seems like it would be very dry, but it's really quite fascinating to see the history of our community evolve into what it is today.
- Bench-The Waxwing bench has been purchased and will be installed next to the mail boxes.
- Fire Exits-Kim said that they are getting close to enough money to do the dozer work to make the permanent exit at the end of Waxwing. That she's also talked with Marilyn Moody who stated that her property at the east side of Waxwing goes right up the hill and backs up to the golf course. That perhaps we can put one there. Kim & Jim are going to take a ride out there, to see what can be done, and if the golf course would be okay with us doing this for an emergency exit.
 - Mark explained that a large tree was taken down at the temporary exit location on the west side of Waxwing, and that it's safe to drive out right now, if needed.
 - Emergency exits are only to be used when there is a sheriff-ordered evacuation, and the

sheriff has directed you to take that route.

- As a reminder, this exit is for single vehicles only, NOT for trailers and motor homes. If you have those, leave early out the front exit, or leave them behind. We don't want the exit blocked.

Nominations/Elections

- There are three positions up for election President, Secretary Treasurer, and 1st Director.
 - President-Kim asked if there was anyone interested in this position. Paula Tillotson made a motion to nominate Mark Stanley for another term. It was seconded and all were in favor. There were no other nominations; all voted for Mark Stanley as President.
 - Secretary/Treasurer-Kim asked if there was anyone interested in this position. Jim Wells made a motion to nominate Sue Collier for another term. It was seconded and all were in favor. There were no other nominations; all voted for Sue Collier as Secretary/Treasurer.
 - 1st Director-Kim said she hadn't heard from Larry Linville, was he interested in running again, he said he would. Jim Wells made a motion to nominate Larry Linville for another term as director, it was seconded and all were in favor. There were no other nominations; All voted in favor of Larry Linville for another term as 1st Director.

Dumpsters-Mark

- Green Dumpster-We need to schedule the green dumpster, burn season will end on July 2. Is there a time anyone prefers to have it? Having it before wildfire season is best, so it's not laying around your property. It was suggested that we get it sometime after the end of burn season. We'll look at getting that in mid July.
- Regular Garbage Dumpster-After some discussion, it was decided that in October that will be scheduled.
- Chipping-Kim wanted to remind everyone that the Fire Safe Council still has funds for the chipping program, which is a wonderful way to get rid of those branches. They come out, and fifteen minutes later you have a small pile of wood chips. If you don't want them, let us know, there are a couple residents that want them and they will come scoop them up and take them away for you for free. You can go online to schedule them, you'll need your parcel number, and Kim has that, if you need it.

Fire Safe Landscaping-Robin Stanley

- There were three brochures available, but most the information is found online at the Cal-Fire website.
- Maintenance is the key. There are several things you can plant that are fire wise, but the biggest problem is maintenance. You need to remove the dead under-growth, or what you plant simply won't matter, because what's underneath will burn.
- Mark and Robin just had 6 or 7 trees taken down, someone had to climb up and take them down in chunks, and it cost \$600. It wasn't too bad, they cleaned up the slash, and it's cleaned up the fuel underneath.
 - Mark stated that getting rid of the latter fuel is important too. If you're going to have bushes, you need to trim your trees up higher or space them out more. It's a matter of what's burning on the ground, doesn't get up into the trees.

SRA fee-Mark

- This is a \$150 fire prevention fee, per parcel/per house, through the state that will be on our taxes.
- Since we already pay \$35 to the local fire, we will get a rebate, being charge \$115.
- This money has to go to fire prevention, like the fire safe council. A board will decide how this

money is divvied up.

CCAC-Camino Community Action Committee www.caminocac.com

- This is a group that does fundraising for local needs and provides a forum for community interests.
- Power House @ Slab Creek is getting preliminary engineering, and blasting will start in July.
- There will be two shifts, that's work being done two times a day, over near the ramp.
- They will be leaving the spoils of that blasting at Slab Creek.
- There will be a public meeting to let residents know; CCAC will let the community know.

EID

Question: Kim asked George Osborn, who is on the EID board, whatever happened with the El Dorado Hills crowd that wanted to raise rates for farmers to retail rates.

- He said agriculture rates have been set and they didn't go up like EDH had wanted. That there are some crucial votes coming up and one position already went to an EDH representative.
- We need to keep in mind that if Ag. got retail water rates, residential customers would only save 6%.
 - Our local farms couldn't take the cost increase, and within 10 years, we could lose Apple Hills. Farms would be converted to residential, and soon our neighbors would be buildings instead of trees. To preserve our way of life, and protect farming, we need to stay on top of this.

Ideas/Thoughts/Info-Mark

- Neighborhood Watch-Jim Wells currently is the NW commander. If anyone is interested in learning to take this job on, please talk to him about it.
- Blog-a resident in here wants to start an Audubon Hills blog, to be used for non-emergency purposes. Residents can voluntarily become part of it, and it's to be used for community information and discussions. For instance if someone has seen an animal that they've never seen before, or someone is selling something, but doesn't want to post a garage sale for all El Dorado county to come. Residents seem to be in favor of having a blog, so Mark will tell him to go on with the project.
- Coyote's-Kim just wanted to remind people that the coyote's have been fairly brazen and the reason is probably because they have pups. She just wanted to alert people to be aware of the issue, because they will charge people and pets (even large dogs), if they get too close. Also, it's wise to not allow your chickens to run loose, as many are being eaten and fed to the pups. One neighbor went to his coup, and there was a coyote lying down in the brush, watching him. It didn't run.]
- Extra green waste cans-Verla Blowe mentioned that you can get extra cans for green waste, with your garbage service.
 - You can, if you use their cans for regular garbage, and not your own cans...otherwise they charge you.
 - Be sure to call El Dorado Disposal to see if you qualify for extra Green or Recycle cans for free. It's less that goes in the trash, and cheaper for you!

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am